

**DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY  
PLUMBING BUREAU**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
1090 EAST WATERTOWER STREET, MERIDIAN ID 83642  
FEBRUARY 4, 2005**

**DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY EMPLOYEES:** Dave Munroe, Administrator; Ted Hogander, Plumbing Bureau Chief; Marsi Woody, Financial Officer; Ken Holt, Plumbing Inspector; Renee Bryant, Recorder

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Russ Firkins, Chairman; Ray Coon; Ben Schooley; Bob Livesay; Milford Terrell

**GUESTS:** Kay Christensen, Deputy Attorney General; Jerry Peterson, Idaho Building Trades; Mike Kelly, Plumbers/Fitters Local Union 296; Dwight Perkins, International Association of Plumbers and Mechanical Officials; Ed Howland, Boise State University; and Doug Hatch, International Code Council

The February 4, 2005 Plumbing Board meeting was brought to order at 9:03 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2004 BOARD MEETING – MOTION**

Mr. Terrell made a Motion to adopt the September 10, 2004 Plumbing Board Minutes. Mr. Coon seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**AGENDA– INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Doug Hatch with International Code Council (ICC) presented a power point presentation on services ICC provides, i.e., inspector certification on uniform and international codes, testing and contractor licensing exams. This was an informational presentation only.

**AGENDA– SEISMIC STRAPPING**

Question brought up whether the Board wants to enforce the seismic zones or amend/omit the code section 508.2 of the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code. Would the Board have to add to code an area of free movement around the water heater so that the device could properly be attached around the water heater.

Ms. Christensen will prepare a proposed administrative rule form, based on the motion made by the Board, and submit it to the Division of Financial Management for approval.

Mr. Terrell made a motion to delete section 508.2 on seismic categories C, D, E and F of the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code. Mr. Coon seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **AGENDA– RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYMEN – MOTION**

Mr. Terrell made a Motion to table the apprentice to journeymen ratio issue until the majority of the Board wants to address it again. Mr. Schooley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **AGENDA– SPRINKLER HYDRANTS**

The Board discussed the positive aspects of sprinkler hydrants, expressing that they are code approved for installation in Idaho. It was encouraged but not mandatory that builders use the hydrants. No motion was made to make these a requirement in the state of Idaho.

## **AGENDA – FUND BALANCE**

Suggestions to reduce Plumbing's fund balance: Buy books for all plumbing apprentices; Temporary reduction of fees; Revise rule 07.02.03.011.01 to the original intent; and/or Residential flat rate fee.

Ms. Christensen to draft a proposed motion amending subpart 10 of Rule 11. The motion should state if installed by someone other than the plumbing contractor, at the time of initial construction, the fee for residential sewer and water service lines shall be \$38.00 and \$50.00 for both of them. Also, Rule 11.01 needs to be amended to say the per fixture charge would also include sewer and water. The proposed motion will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Mr. Coon to make a presentation on the residential flat rate fee at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Woody reviewed Plumbing and HVAC's revenues.

Mr. Terrell requested the DBS computer system be added to the next agenda.

## **AGENDA – AIR ADMITTANCE VALVES**

Mr. Schooley, with the help of the Plumbing staff, will draft a motion allowing the administrative authority prior approval of the air admittance valve, defining the usage, where they will be used and under what circumstances. The air admittance valves must meet the ASME standard. The draft motion will be presented at the next board meeting.

## **AGENDA –NON-PLUMBING LABOR ISSUES**

Discussion ensued as to amount of work an apprentice can do without supervision, length of time/school the apprentice must have before he can work independently. Suggestions are to modify/change or eliminate the wording of "constant on-the-job supervision" from IDAPA 07.02.05.011 and/or to define what is reasonable supervision.

This issue to be added to all 2005 agendas and discussed at the remaining 2005 board meetings.

## **AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS**

Pitless Adaptors. Other agencies, responsible for inspecting Pitless Adaptors, want the Plumbing Bureau to do these inspections.

Ms. Christensen to prepare a document explaining Pitless Adaptors are not in our jurisdiction/statutes and we are under no obligation to inspect them. Mr. Munroe to present this to his February 9, 2005 meeting with legislative personnel and the industry.

Mr. Munroe gave an overview of the agencies rules addressed during this legislative session.

### **Changing of Board Meeting Locations:**

April 15, 2005	Friday	Twin Falls
June 3, 2005	Friday	Post Falls
September 9, 2005	Friday	Meridian

Mr. Terrell made a Motion to adjourn the Plumbing Board meeting. Mr. Coon seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Plumbing Board meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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DAVE MUNROE, SECRETARY  
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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